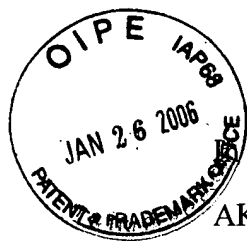


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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed Japanese documents are enclosed, together with a copy of the Japanese Office Action dated October 7, 2005, in which the documents were first cited.

It is noted that the initial Office Action in this application, dated September 29, 2005, was incomplete in that it treated the claims without taking account of the changes made in the Preliminary Amendment filed with the current application (CPA) on November 12, 2002, as was pointed out in the Response to Office Action filed November 17, 2005. Accordingly, no fee is believed to be due for consideration of this Information at

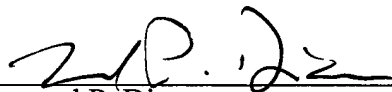
this time. Any fee nonetheless deemed to be due should be charged, and any overpayment credited, to our Deposit Account 06-1205.

Finally, since, as noted, a CPA was filed in this case on November 12, 2002 (which fact does not yet appear to be reflected in PAIR), this application is subject to the provisions of AIPA, including patent term adjustment. Accordingly, the lengthy delays on the part of the Patent and Trademark Office in the handling of this application since the filing of the CPA should be considered in determining patent term adjustments to which Applicants may be entitled at such time as this application is allowed.

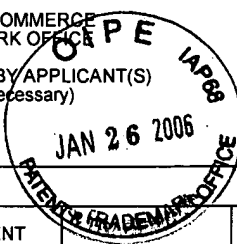
It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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